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## Training for Freedom

A bill to create a Freedom Commission and a Freedom Academy was reported favorably by a unanimous vote of the House Committee on Un-American Activities last month. It is now over six years since this project was first advanced in Congress, with the widest possible sponsorship, representing liberals and conservatives in both parties.

Its purpose, if not the proposal itself, has been endorsed by the State Department, which said its "principal functions would be the development of systematic knowledge about the international Communist conspiracy, the development of counter action . . . into an operational science, and the education and training of private citizens and Government employees of the United States and other countries in these matters."

In the present state of international tensions, it is clear that the Communists

recognize the superior military might and economic power of the United States and its allies. Their preferred field of action is what they call "peaceful co-existence," that is, a cold war atmosphere in which they can deploy forces of subversion, propaganda, and psychological warfare much superior at this time to our own. Those that we now have in the professional services are of high quality, but very limited quantity. The Freedom Academy might contribute to the expansion of the number of Americans qualified to recognize and defeat nonmilitary operations in every field.

Presumably the students at such an academy would find there specialized training of value in careers with the FBI, the Central Intelligence Agency, the State Department, Defense and other agencies. If so, the academy could be a useful institution, buttressing our strength in non-military areas long neglected.